

ever solution could at last have been
 reached by
 Lombard dynasts and communal cities
 would have
 been long in coming. The Gaimars and
 Gisulfs
 might have evolved a central power,
 or Bari,
 Amalfi, Salerno, might have
 reproduced in the
 south that development of free cities
 which was
 the destiny of the northern peninsula,
 and Lower
 Italy might have preceded and
 accompanied
 Lombardy and Tuscany in their city-
 leagues,
 their consuls, their captains of the
 people, and
 at last their hereditary despots,
 These are
 speculations: the Norman rulers of the
 south at
 least brought their solution of the
 manifold
 problems which weighed on Lower
 Italy at the
 dawn of the eleventh century; they
 welded the
 land into apparent unity by the sword
 first and by
 law afterwards | they shook off the
 claims of
 external powers; they won Sicily from
 the
 and saved Apulia and Campania from
 Greek and
 German, They founded a kingdom
 which lasted
 till Garibaldi and Cavour achieved the
 unification
 of Italy, They solved the question
 which faced
 the Latins in the Holy Land and the
 Moslems in
 Spain, how to combine and in
 and liberty, with a that no of
 ancient

or modern times has surpassed, They
took into
their service men of every tongue and
faith,, their
glory was exalted in the work of of
many
races who built their palaces

churches,
dedicated to them the fruits of
learning, and
their praises in many vernaculars. To
the